Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club

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Newsletter

October 2025

Saturday 15 November
Quiz Night at Claverton Village Hall

Starting at 7.30pm and including a Ploughman's Super Supper!
Please bring your own drinks and glasses…. £12 per person.
Teams of 6 can be assembled on the night…

Charles will be Quiz Master with his usual team of helpers.
Trish and Lynn are organising the food.
Marion will be there with her Raffle…

Entertaining questions… delicious food… friendly rivalry!
Please bring your friends, relatives and/or neighbours.

Please let me know **before 5 November** who is coming!
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Brian honoured with Diploma

CROQUET

Brian Wilson, right, receives his Croquet England Diploma from CPCC member Andy Loakes.

AT an informal gathering on the lawns at Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club, member Brian Wilson was presented with a framed and illuminated text acknowledging his major contributions to the game. Brian was awarded the Croquet England Diploma after a submission was made to the Croquet England committee.

In a surprise 'This is your Life' style moment the citation was read out and Brian, possibly for the first time in his life, was left speechless.

Brian's contribution to the world of croquet started in 2001 when he joined Lansdown in Bath. In 2012 some members of the Lansdown club relocated to a virgin site, close to Peasedown St John Cricket Club, where four new full sized croquet lawns could be laid; Brian was instrumental in organising and raising funds for the move. At this point he served on the newly formed CPCC committee as Minutes Secretary and Liaison Officer.

He became a Golf Croquet Club coach and subsequently, in 2015, a Golf Croquet, Grade 1, coach. Since then he has continued to coach, generously, to both CPCC members and players in many local clubs.

In 2022 Camerton and Peasedown needed to raise substantial amounts of money for a new clubhouse and Brian used his energy, contacts and skills to successfully raise the funds. The new clubhouse was opened in 2023.

Not satisfied with just coaching Brian became a Golf Croquet referee in 2023 and has offered his services on numerous occasions both at CPCC and at many other clubs.

Brian has served the South West Federation of Croquet Clubs in various roles, including chairman, and has represented the South West at Croquet England. At the time of his referral for the Croquet England Diploma Brian was a Trustee of Croquet England; a position he held until recently. He is currently a Croquet England Development Representative for the South West.

CPCC SUMMER TOURNAMENTS
SATURDAY 4 October was supposed to be FINALS DAY
However the weather put paid to that!!!!
Instead the matches were played later on three separate days.
CONGRATULATIONS to the winners who were…..

GC Level Singles:	**David R**	Runner-up: Colin
GC Handicap Singles:	**Simon M**	Runner-up: Peter
GC High Handicap Singles:	**Paul**	Runner-up: Sue
GC Handicap Doubles:	**Mo & Tony**	Runners-up: Jill S & Trish
Short Croquet:	**Simon M**	Runner-up: David R
AC Handicap Singles:	**Simon M**	Runner-up: David R
GC Level Doubles:	**David M & Mark**	Runners-up: Colin & Paul

BIG THANKS to Colin for organising the tournaments
Well done to all who took part…… hope everyone enjoyed themselves!

AND NOW……..NEWS OF THE CPCC AUTUMN TOURNAMENTS……

GC SINGLES TOURNAMENTS:
Two separate competitions, both open to all, organised by Nigel
Level Play **Handicap (Advantage)**
Format as last year. Entrants in each section have a choice of opting to play on a **Friday or a Sunday** with about 4 games each day, depending on the numbers entering and lawns available.
Each set of players will be divided into blocks of four or five with all playing all in their block. If necessary, block winners will play a semi-final.
The Friday winner and the Sunday winner
will play the Final on a date to be agreed.

Please complete the form also attached to this email and return it to Nigel
before Monday 3 November nigelwulcko@yahoo.co.uk

Entry charge is £2 per person per section which **MUST be paid BEFORE** the competition starts. (to cover the grand prizes!!)
The aim is to complete all games before Christmas..
In any event there will be no games between 15 December and 8 January.

This is a great opportunity for all new members to participate in a tournament.
Don't be Shy!!!
Any queries please contact Nigel nigelwulcko@yahoo.co.uk
or Angela Acrofts857@aol.com

100 Club August's lucky number: 46 **Angela Crofts**
Please contact Nigel to join or buy more numbers nigelwulcko@yahoo.co.uk

New members: We are pleased to welcome Gill Atkins, Malcolm Evans and Geraldine and Roger Edmunds.

Jacques Garden Croquet Set
In September a pre-loved Jacques Garden Croquet Set was kindly donated to the Club by a lady in Wellow. Not suitable for our "professional" lawns we were able to respond to a request from Partis College, Bath (almshouses) to borrow equipment for a croquet afternoon they had arranged. A fun afternoon was had and they may be interested in a trip to CPCC for a taster next year.

The set is available to borrow If you know of any other groups who might like it. (We just ask for a donation)

A new tap has been fitted in the kitchen sink…..
COLD Water: Pull handle towards you.
HOT Water: Switch on power at the wall. Push the handle away from you.
Please **switch off** the power if you don't need hot water…….

Congratulations to our AC team who qualified for the South West Fed AC Intermediate Final…… Kington Langley won……

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 30 October: WARNING CHANGE OF LOCATION!!!!!!
Lunch now at The Jolliffe Arms Kilmersdon at 12 noon.
~~**NOT The King William Tunley**~~
If you haven't already done so please let Marion know TODAY if you are going, she needs to confirm numbers. marion.button@yahoo.co.uk

Friday 7 November: Firework Display at the Cricket Club
CPCC **v**olunteers are needed from 4.30pm to help with carparking etc.
Our parking area is used and needs to be monitored/marshalled.
£4 adults £3 OAP's £1 children on the gate….free if you are a named helper.
Please let me know if you are happy to help. Acrofts857@aol.com

Monday 10 November: Soup'n'Hoop Lunch in the Club House…
Last month 12 people enjoyed their Soup lunch
Every month second Monday throughout the winter.

Saturday 15 November: QUIZ NIGHT at Claverton Village Hall

Wednesday 3 December: Bath Christmas Market: CPCC has been lucky to be allocated a Stall for the day. Everything on sale will have been made by Club Members and all profits will benefit our Club. Mo and Sue have plenty of knitted wares already but will be pleased to receive any suitable craftwork to sell on the stall.
Sue.wagstaff2@btinternet.com Maureenboys@icloud.com

Saturday 13 December: CPCC Christmas Lunch
More information in the November Newsletter

And finally……

CROQUET

Fiona stars at national finals

As the 2025 summer season drew to a close Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club were honoured to host the national final of the All England Golf Croquet Handicap tournament.

Over the weekend of September 13 and 14, 13 croquet players who had come through their own regional finals, met on the CPCC lawns to play for the privilege of winning a fine silver cup. Clubs represented in this final were Bath CC, Phyllis Court CC, Kenilworth CC, Wrest Park CC, Guildford and Godalming CC, Maldon CC, Ealing CC, Merton CC, Surbiton CC and Camerton and Peasedown CC.

The players held handicaps of between a low of +2 and a high of +11. Played under the advantage system, those with high handicaps received either extra hoops to start with or extra time (because their stronger opposition started on a minus number) to reach the magic total of 7 hoops. This was the first time that this tournament had been played under the advantage handicap system, something that the stronger players found harder to master than the weaker ones.

On the Saturday the weather was fair and was even, at times warm and sunny. So, with the forecast for the Sunday looking problematic in the extreme, the tournament manager Jill Shaw, decided that eight rounds of the scheduled 12 'All-play-All' singles matches were to be played on the Saturday. This proved a pivotal decision as, come midday on the Sunday, the severe weather had arrived and the heavens had opened – even so the last two rounds were played in full waterproofs.

The contest was close and a large number of the games went to 7-6; an indication that the handicapping was probably accurate.

With eight rounds of games completed by the Saturday evening, with four rounds still to be played on the Sunday, absolutely nothing was certain. It was time for the stronger players to make a move.

The eventual winner was Fiona Walker from Merton Croquet Club who won 10 of her 12 games. Jill Parker from CPCC (eight games won) was placed second just ahead, on percentages, of Margaret Page (also eight games won) from Ealing CC.

Once most people had dried out, Brian Wilson, retiring trustee of Croquet England, tournament referee and CPCC member, presented Fiona with the silver challenge cup and a bottle of fizz.

The All England competitors, with tournament manager Jill Shaw, ahead of the Sunday games at Camerton and

BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our own **Jill Parker**
Runner Up in a National Final !!!!

CPCC's WhatsApp Group keeps you up to date day-by-day If you are not already on the WhatsApp group please contact Andy: Andyloakes@hotmail.co.uk

Please send any information you would like to be included in the next Newsletter to Acrofts857@aol.com

Angela Crofts CPCC Secretary October 2025